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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Overseas Travel for the Director of Training

1. About a year ago, the Office of Training was given responsibility for providing technical support and guidance and training materials for training conducted [REDACTED]. These responsibilities were extended to include all other overseas training activities by memorandum from the Chief of Operations to Chiefs of Senior Staffs and Area Divisions dated 31 January 1955 [REDACTED]. Currently, OTR is providing various degrees of support to training activities conducted at installations in Europe, the Middle East, and the Far East.

2. I believe it would be profitable for Matt Baird to visit and make an on-the-spot review of the major overseas training activities so as to obtain first-hand knowledge of their operation, administration, and support requirements.

3. As now planned this trip would begin the first week in January 1956, terminate approximately mid-March and include official visits in the following sequence: [REDACTED]

4. I believe this trip should result in improved service to the field and more effective planning for future training activities and facilities. I do not anticipate that any special assistance will be required of the operating offices other than making arrangements necessary for their lodging and travel. Travel will be accomplished under [REDACTED] arranged by the Central Cover Branch of OPS, [REDACTED] and the Area Divisions concerned.

5. If you concur, I will clear the trip with the Director and ask Mr. Baird to arrange the necessary details with the Area Divisions concerned.

6. As you know, Mr. Baird would like [REDACTED] of the OTR Plans and Policy Staff to accompany him on this mission. [REDACTED] was formerly FI Training Officer and Chairman, Clandestine Services Training Committee. It is my understanding that you are to discuss this possibility with Mr. Baird on 20 December 1955. I defer entirely to your judgment as to whether it is desirable for [REDACTED] to go.

cc: Director of Training

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